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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a 3-month extension of time, from January 29, 2003 up to and including April 29 2003, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for filing a Response to the aboveidentified application.

A check in the amount of \$465.00 for the extension fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any under-payments or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 06-1448.

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